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**Applicant:** Quatse et al.  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the office action of January 31, 2005.

Please amend the claims as shown in the listing of claims on page 2 of this response.

The Remarks begin on page 8 of this response.